

again. - Prof Lundy went
I, yesterday - in excellent spirits
and many hopes of better climate
to stop his coughing - he had taken
a little cold here - and I expect
to meet him again in St. Francis
I write at the top of a hour, in
a historian's quarters, - saving a
half hour of time - with your
accommodations for the purpose,
and can hardly expect to be legible
except to those who have the
knack of decyphering my writing.

Believe me, ever - with Mrs.
Gray's love to Mrs. P. and yours
self, and my best regards -

Yours truly

A. Gray

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Paris, 24 November 1868
My Dear Dr. Peabody

I have barely time before we
leave Paris this evening en route
for Egypt, to write a brief line to
you, under many distractions,
I write to you as acting and
I hope before long, permanent
President of our University, and
upon a somewhat delicate matter,
growing out of the alarming illness
of my assistant and locum tenens
Mr. Horace Mann. When I
left home I was assured by
his Aunt that his cough was
pronounced to be not at all serious.
Shortly after reaching England he
gave me, in a letter, a very sad
account of himself, which has been
confirmed by others, and which causes
me great anxiety. He has duly
informed me of the arrangements made
for the instruction of the Class up to
about this time, - when there is no
more to be done until March.
The principal work in the Department
is from March, or April to
July; and I should hardly suppose

That Mr. Brigham would be
competent to do that work, - yet
he may be so. I now greatly
fear that Mann will have to
give up the hope of doing it him-
self. And I am concerned to
know what can be done.

I had made what was thought
a very ample pecuniary provision
for the instruction, the care of the
Garden & of the Herbarium, including
much work to be done in the latter,
- viz. \$1200 per year.

Perhaps, for a reasonable
sum either Prof. Brewer (who
~~has~~ used to study in the Herbar-
ium for many months upon his Cali-
fornian botany), or Prof. Eaton, both
of Yale College, might help us out.
Or, the Natural History work for
this year might all take the Zoolo-
cal side, under Dr. Myman, - for
an additional payment to be made
by me. Whatever arrangement
of this sort be made, and you
will know best, - there remains a
superintendent of the Garden and
the charge of the Herbarium, in
which, if Mr. Mann must drop

it, could be best done - indeed be
best done in any case while
I am away by Mr. Charles
Wright, now living at the
Garden and at work in the
Herbarium. He was going
to Cuba, to finish certain
botanical explorations there,
but I think will not have
gone when this reaches you,
and I imagine would be dis-
posed to stay and help me
in this emergency, if assured of
some pay, enough to live upon
comfortably. I have written to
him that I shall be most glad
if I can secure his services,
that I will pay all his wants,
and this is to beg you to confer
with him, and to see - with
full Corte Honoris from me, as
to meeting the mutual expenses, -
that the interests of the Department
of the Garden & - do not suffer
while I must be away. You
will be pleased to know that,
so far Mrs. Gray has been ben-
efitted, and that I hope the Church
of Egypt & Italy will set her up